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Application Serial No. 10/631,954  
Attorney Docket No. 2003-IP-010829U1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**M. VIKRAM RAO**

Serial No.: **10/631,954**

Filed: **JULY 30, 2003**

Title: **"IMPROVED PARTICULATES AND  
METHODS OF UTILIZING THESE  
PARTICULATES IN SUBTERRANEAN  
APPLICATIONS"**

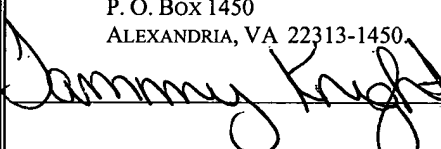
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Group Art Unit: **1773**

Examiner: **LE, HOA T.**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED MAY 12, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 12, 2006 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Because this response has been filed within two months of when the Final Office Action was issued, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue an advisory action if the Examiner does not find the claims to be allowable in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicant submits the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.